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TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

BIG GERMAN ATTACKS IN THE WEST.

Huge Casualties Inflicted by British and French.

London, May 17.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—After a heavy bombardment on both banks of the Scarpe, the enemy launched a powerful counter-attack in the early morning between Gavrelle and the river. He pressed forward under the destructive fire of our artillery and machine guns. The enemy for a short period, by weight of numbers, forced us back from our forward positions. Our immediate counter-attack regained all the ground, inflicting exceptionally heavy losses and taking a number of prisoners. We progressed on the Hindenburg Line to the north-east of Bullecourt. We repulsed a raid to the south-east of Ypres.

French Capture Hundreds of Prisoners.

London, May 17.

A French communique says that the Germans in the daytime continued their attacks to the north and north-west of Laffaux mill as far as the Soissons-Lyon Railway. They were sanguinarily defeated, despite the strength of their effectives and the violence of their attacks.

We brilliantly counter-attacked at some points where the line was momentarily bent, recovering the whole of the lost ground.

The Germans lost heavily in attempting to arrest our progress by fresh attacks, which were shattered by our curtain of machine-gun fire.

Hundreds of prisoners and numerous German wounded have been captured.

Three German aeroplanes were felled on May 15.

Progress at Bullecourt.

London, May 17.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, in a communique, says:—There was fighting during the night at Bullecourt.

We further progressed through the village and reached the western edge.

Further German Wastage.

London, May 17.

A French communique states:—Fresh enemy attempts to re-take ground we gained in the Laffaux mill region failed. The struggle, which was most lively at certain points, turned everywhere to our advantage, and the enemy suffered heavy losses. We took more prisoners.

Our batteries inflicted heavy losses on three German assaulting detachments which made several fruitless attempts to reach our lines at the Boyers Farm, in the Epine de Chevrigny sector, north-west of Bray en Lonois.

THE IRISH PROPOSALS.

What the Government Scheme Means.

London, May 17.

There is much interest in the new feature of the Government's Irish proposals, namely the Council of Ireland.

Mr. Lloyd George's letter to Mr. John Redmond states that the two delegations of which the Council will be composed will be numerically equal to the Council summoned on the initiative of any six members of the Council. The Council would be empowered by a majority of votes of each of the delegations to pass Private Bills and legislation affecting both the included and excluded areas; also to recommend to the Crown the extension to the excluded areas, by an Order-in-Council, of any Act of the Irish Parliament; also to agree to the inclusion of the whole of Ireland under the Home Rule Act, subject to the assent of the majority of the voters of the excluded area, whereupon power would be invested in the Crown to extend the Act to all Ireland by an Order-in-Council. The Council may also make recommendations on its own initiative regarding Irish questions, including an amendment of the Home Rule Act. The President of the Council will be elected by agreement by the delegations, or, failing agreement, will be nominated by the Crown.

BRITISH NAVAL CASUALTIES.

London, May 16.

Among the latest naval casualties announced are the following:—

Killed.—Lieut. Arthur E. L. Radd, R.N.R.

Wounded.—Flight Sub-Lieut. Hubert S. Broad, R.N., Edward D. Crandall, R.N.

Missing (believed killed).—Midshipman John Barber, R.N.R.

Missing.—Flight Lieut. Charles J. Moir, R.N.

Accidentally injured.—Flight Sub-Lieut. Arthur E. Hall, R.N.

Official correction. Killed.—Flight Sub-Lieut. Douglas E. Penney, R.N., instead of Probationer Flight Officer Penney, Naval Division.

Died.—Captain Valentine H. S. Jones, Marine Light Infantry

THE RUSSIAN SITUATION.

An Agreement Reached.

London, May 17.

According to Reuter's correspondent, at Petrograd after day-long negotiations, an agreement was reached between the Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates and the Government, under which three Democratic and three Nationalist Socialists will enter the Cabinet.

Generals Alex. F. Dragomiroff, Gouko and Braseff are coming to Petrograd to confer on the military situation.

America's Practical Help.

London, May 17.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington, the United States has made its first loan to Russia, of twenty millions sterling, as additional evidence of the strong friendship which exists between the American and Russian peoples.

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BRITISH WAR AIMS.

Lord Robert Cecil on "No Annexation."

London, May 17.

Lord Robert Cecil's speech last night, in the House of Commons, is regarded, both here and in Allied countries, as an important pronouncement regarding British war aims.

The debate arose on Mr. Philip Snowden's motion, welcoming the repudiation by the new Russian Government of "all proposals for Imperialistic conquest and aggrandisement," and calling for a similar British declaration. Mr. Snowden contended that the Allied Note of January was "Imperialism and conquest, naked and unashamed."

Lord Robert Cecil, replying, said he had heard much of the phrase "No annexations," which he proceeded to examine point by point. He took, firstly, the case of Arabia. No human being, he declared, would suggest that we should use our influence to place Arabia again under Turkish domination. (Cheers.)

Proceeding, Lord Robert Cecil said:—Again, even the most Imperialist annexation of Armenia would benefit the people who have suffered such crimes as the Turks have perpetrated there. The same argument held good in regard to Syria and Palestine.

Lord Robert Cecil next turned to the German African Colonies, saying we did not, of course, attack those Colonies in order to rescue the natives from misgovernment, but, having rescued them, he asked were we to hand them back? The House warmly cheered Lord Robert when he declared that he would regard with horror the idea of returning the natives to the Government which perpetrated such cruelties. Then what about Poland? Were they not all agreed that it was desirable to establish an independent Poland? And what about Alsace-Lorraine? Surely it was not suggested that Germany, having taken the two provinces from France, should not restore these Provinces (Cheers).

Then there was the Italian Irredentists. Were the Government going to commit themselves to a proposition that they would not restore to Italy provinces populated by Italians? The speaker here turned momentarily to another phrase: "No peace with the Hohenzollerns." He agreed there was a great deal in it and it was very attractive to the ordinary British mind, but he thought it too attractive to be quite prudent as a definition of national policy. The cry of "No indemnity" had also been heard. Should there be no indemnity to Belgium? Then what about Serbia and the Northern Provinces of France? Were we, continued Lord Robert speaking with rising emotion, to rule out indefinitely all reparation for the destruction of peaceful merchantmen by submarines? He declared emphatically that he was not prepared to do that.

IMPERIAL RECONSTRUCTION.

Press Comment on General Smuts' Speech.

London, May 17.

The Daily Telegraph, in an editorial, headed "An Historic Speech" says:—General Smuts' speech is one of the finest and most statesmanlike utterances that the war has produced. If the British nation has not realised fully before, it assuredly will understand now what a noble ornament and a strong pillar of the Empire it possesses in the soldier-statesman who represented the Union at the Imperial War Conference. Hitherto we have thought of him principally as a brilliant soldier, but the future may well reveal that his political services are even more valuable still. This is always a rare and sometimes a dangerous combination of genius, but we know from General Smuts' speeches where his dearest hopes are centred, that he hates war, and that all his ambitions are set upon serving his fellow countrymen, South Africa and the Empire to which he is proud to belong. If we interpret General Smuts' speech aright, we detect therein a note of friendly and earnest caution to those who think the time is ripe for forming a new Constitution of the Empire with a new Imperial Parliament, a new Imperial Treasury, and new Imperial taxes. The idea is noble, imposing and logical, but it is none the less full of peril and quicksands, and, above all, open to the fatal objection that it does not seem to be desired by the responsible spokesmen of the Dominions. It may be taken therefore to indicate that the special War Conference which will be called at the end of the war to consider the general problem of Imperial reconstruction will not favour the idea of a unified Parliament of the Empire. Reconstruction will have to proceed on lines less sensational but far more consonant with the British traditions of gradual evolution. Indeed, it has already begun during the last two weeks in the admission to the Imperial Cabinet of statesmen of the Dominions and representatives of India.

The Daily Telegraph concludes by hoping that General Smuts' outspoken and resonant tribute to the Crown will sharply recall to their senses all those who talk glibly or lightly of what they call Republican sentiment in this country. It says:—"The British Empire is indeed fortunate when a soldier, who fifteen years ago, was its sturdy and dangerous opponent, delivers, within the walls of the British Parliament, an address cordial in friendship and instinct, as are few utterances of our time, with political wisdom and understanding."

U.S. TROOPS FOR FRANCE.

General Petain's Advice.

London, May 17.

The New York Times publishes a message from General Petain urging that American volunteers should be sent to France within three months for training, and to be used later as skeleton organisations for arriving American armies. The message concludes that it is of paramount importance that an American General Commissioner should be immediately appointed to come to France.

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THE ITALIAN OFFENSIVE.

Immediate Objective Attained.

London, May 17.

Reuter's correspondent at Udine says that the Italians' immediate objective, the Tysir Mountain, on the left bank of the Isonzo, was attained by admirable dash, despite the extraordinarily strong Austrian defences, which the Italian artillery entirely destroyed, and also despite the fact that a large number of Austrian troops had been brought there from Galicia.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on an Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE WESTERN BATTLES.

Fighting Favours the British.

London, May 16.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig says: Fighting continued yesterday to our advantage in the western portion of Bullecourt. We took a few prisoners during a small encounter last night, on the right of our position on the Hindenburg line east of the village. Severe fighting is progressing north of the Scarpe.

A Violent Enemy Attack.

London, May 16.

A French communique says: The artillery struggle continued at night time. After a violent bombardment, the enemy in the morning powerfully attacked on a four kilometre front in the Moulin-de-Laffaux district. We maintained our positions despite his repeated efforts. Fighting continues at various points.

Huge Enemy Losses.

London, May 16.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters says: Proceeded by heavy cannonading the enemy, fulfilling anticipations, fiercely counter-attacked in great strength against Roex. Grey waves of picked troops swept over from Pluvrain and were met by a whirlwind from our artillery, our machine guns and rifles. Although the enemy was mown down like ripe corn, some reached the chemical works and fought hand-to-hand, but our counter-attack promptly restored the position and inflicted terrible punishment. The struggle is continuing. The latest news from Bullecourt is most satisfactory. We have completely regained the positions temporarily lost in yesterday's four counter-attacks. The Germans suffered thereby casualties amounting to four figures.

GREAT ITALIAN OFFENSIVE.

Advance on a Sixty-Miles Front.

London, May 16.

Great interest centres on the Italian offensive. Reuter's correspondent at Udine says the Italians are advancing on a front extending for sixty miles from Tolmino to the sea. The sector from Tolmino to Saraceno is undoubtedly the most difficult front in the war, Tolmino bridgehead, a most formidable fortification, barring the entrance to the valley leading to Ljubach. Mount Kuk and Mount San Marco, the other Austrian strongholds, are respectively sixteen thousand and four hundred and fifty feet above the points where the Italians are attacking.

Over 3,000 Prisoners.

London, May 16.

A wireless Italian official message says: The vigorous offensive on the Julian front has been resolutely continued. Our infantry established themselves on the steep, wooded heights of the eastern bank of the Isonzo, northward of Gorizia. These had been transformed into a formidable fortified defensive position. One of our left wing columns forced a passage across the river and captured Bombrès village. We captured in the centre, the heights north-east of Plasta, stormed the villages of Zameora and Zagomila and carried the crests of Mount Cucco and Mount Vodice. Our right wing progressed considerably up the steep slopes of Mount Santo and fierce counter-attacks were repulsed. We conquered, eastward of Gorizia, strongly fortified heights northward of Tivoli. Insistent counter-attacks were beaten back. We took prisoner 3,375, of whom ninety-eight were officers. A mountain battery and much war material were captured.

Austrian Report.

London, May 16.

An Austrian official report states that, after three days of intense artillery fire, the Italians attacked at numerous points on a front of twenty-five miles. The battle continues uninterruptedly.

FRENCHMAN'S GALLANT ACT.

Paris, May 16.

The Legion of Honour has been awarded to a machine gunner for holding the enemy in a sap single-handed, repelling a counter-attack and disposing of eight hundred Germans.

THE EAST AFRICAN COMMAND.

London, May 16.

It is officially announced that General Van de Venster has succeeded General Hoskins in command of the British forces in German East Africa, with the temporary rank of Lieutenant General.

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THEATRE ROYAL.

Bandman Company in "High Jinks."

Unspeaking weather notwithstanding, the public showed up in good force to welcome the Bandman Company last night, on its return from the North. The piece was "High Jinks", and we have seen things which we liked better. Indeed it is enormously to the credit of the Bandman artists that they made so much out of so little. The piece, however, at least had a swing to it (two)—including the one on which Miss Addie Leigh gymnasticised. Speaking of Miss Leigh reminds us that neither she nor Miss Marjorie Manners found very much scope, though both put excellent work into such parts as they had, Miss Manners scoring special successes in one or two rather taking parts.

The leading role, that of an eccentric American doctor practising in France, fell to Mr. Fred Winn. He was rarely off the stage and he made his part deliciously funny all the way through. Hong-kong's old friend, Mr. Compton O'Connell, seems to be at home in any part assigned to him, and he certainly contrived to keep the house alive last night with his clever impersonation of a rather impossible old colonel, Mr. A. Louis Cowen is paying only his second visit to the Colony, but he has already made big bids for popularity here, and his handling of the part of an American timber king was most beautifully done. In fact he was quite a show in himself. Mr. Leyland Hodgson, always a useful man, did quite a lot of good work as the young explorer possessed of a dog whose qualities have a pacifying effect on all who come under its influence. Miss Kathleen Doyle, as the vagrant wife, with tastes expensive and expansive, was always amusing; so was Mr. Kellaway as the jealous Spaniard. Other parts were very charmingly taken by Miss Georgina Fisher (A nurse), Miss Grace Rosslyn (Chi Chi the dancer), and Miss Beatrice Rowe (the Spaniard's wife). The piece is repeated to-night and those who want a good laugh should go.

CHUNG LING SOO.

Last Performances To-night.

At the Victoria Theatre to-night, at 7.15 and 9.15, Chung Ling Soo and variety Company will appear for the last time. Owing to the departure of the boat for Shanghai, the management regret that they cannot give the matinee performance on Saturday.

Full houses have been recorded at the Victoria Theatre since the advent of Chung Ling Soo, and patrons are advised to book their seats or come early for the final performances to-night.

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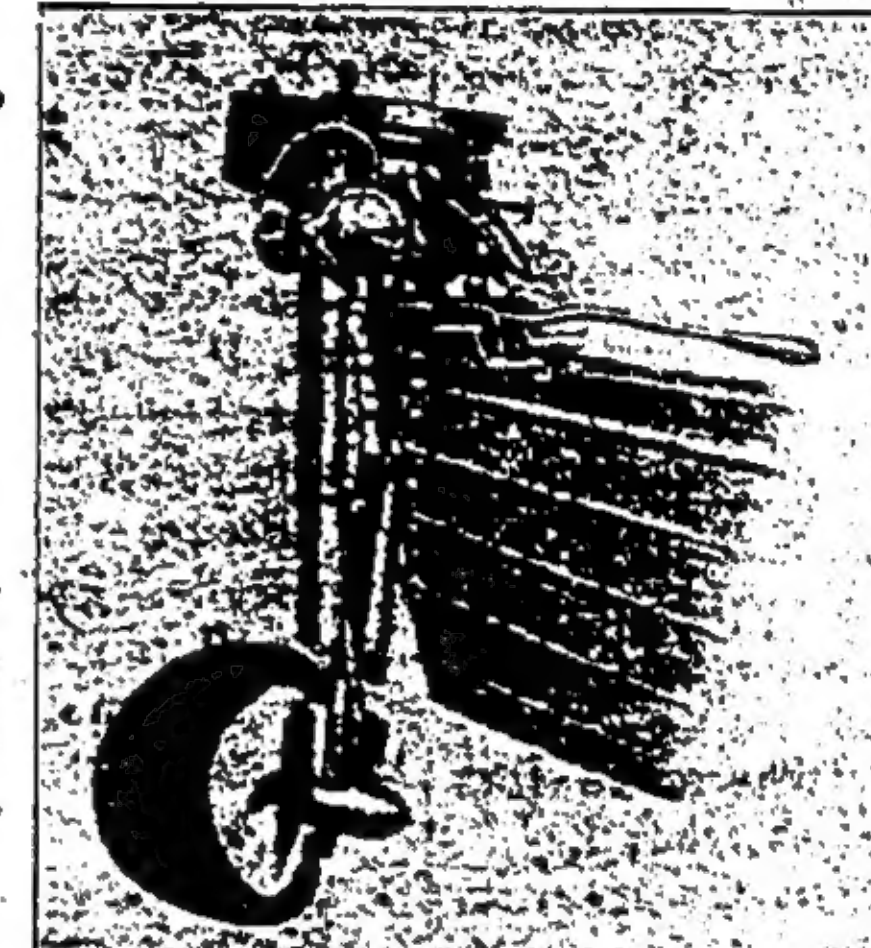
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GENERAL NEWS.

Remarkable Surgical Operation.
Mr. J. O'Grady, M.P., states that a remarkable and successful operation has been performed on his son-in-law, Lance Corporal Ballantine, of the East Surrey Regiment, for a severe wound in the arm. The arm was severed in two places and a section of diseased bone was removed in Middlesex Hospital. The bone was "dove-tailed" and has now completely joined. After three months Lance Corporal Ballantine is now able to raise his arm sufficiently to lift a cup of tea. The difference in length between the two arms is 2 inches.

A Short Way with the Conscience Cowards.
Conscientious Objects from Princetown paid a Saturday half-holiday visit to Tavistock. The old Devon town surprised them by the way it expressed its feelings; they are not likely to seek another reception so warm. Some of the Objects entered a restaurant, and a crowd of soldiers, women, and children quickly gathered, crying, "Put the kiki on!" "Join up!" and "Shirkers?" On the advice of the police, the Objects were shown the door, and the women gave them a rough welcome outside. For nearly two miles they were escorted home-wards, all kinds of missiles being thrown to speed them on their way. And they lingered not.

Tuberculosis Asylums in Japan.
Among the tuberculosis asylums which are to be established at places specified by the Minister for Home Affairs, that at Hotarugaike Toyonogori, Osaka, was to be opened to the public on the 15th instant. The one for Tokyo will be ready to receive patients from the beginning of September next, while that for Kobe will not be completed till the end of this year. The three cities of Kyoto, Yokohama and Nagoya, to which Government subsidies of forty thousand yen each have been granted, to supplement the local appropriation of eighty thousand yen for the purpose, will purchase buildings at the latest by May or June of next year.

Decrepit Deans.
Plain speaking characterised the address of the Rev. F. H. Gillingham (the well-known Essex cricketer) at St. Michael's Cornhill. Urging the need for the super-annuation of the clergy, he said that the Church was full of decrepit deans, tottering canons, and infirm incumbents. Urging that the Church's message should place greater emphasis on living than dying, he described how on the occasion of a Zeppelin raid people rushed out of their houses, fell on their knees, and asked a curate to pray for them. When the Zeppelin began to fall a mass of flames they were up on their feet shouting "Tipperary" and "Rule Britannia" without a single thought of God. "We sing like a mighty army, moves the Church of God, but God help the army that moves like the Church of the present time," said Mr. Gillingham.

The Hun's Misery.
During the Reichstag debate on the Home Budget, says a Central News telegram from Amsterdam, Herr Knert, the Extreme Socialist deputy, painted a vivid picture of the misery of the people. "One need only look at the men and women leaving the munition factories and see how pale they are; many of them faint during their work through hunger. Child mortality has increased frightfully and consumption claims more victims every day. We are suffering from underfeeding, which verges on famine." Herr Knert said he would be proud to know that Germany was showing the political progress now being made in Russia. The Kaiser and the Chancellor bore the guilt for the death and misfortunes of millions of people. Those who were in high places would not always be protected.

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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MAY 18, 1917.

GENERAL SMUTS AND THE EMPIRE.

By his recent speeches, General Smuts has shown himself to be something more than a great soldier. He has revealed himself as a statesman of the virile and essentially practical type—one who takes long views of the Empire's possibilities, and one who has shown that he is prepared to do his part in the work of welding together into a solid whole the diverse elements owning allegiance to our beloved King. It is a happy augury for the future of the great British commonwealth that, at the moment of its greatest test, it can call to its councils a man of this order, and the fact is all the more significant from the circumstance that not many years ago General Smuts was fighting against us on the field of battle. To-day, however, he is with us heart and soul in the grim struggle against a double-dealing foe, to whom the transformation must come as something in the nature of a mysterious and awe-inspiring revelation. The cause of an Empire which can draw to its side its erstwhile enemies must spring from a deep-seated source of justice and be destined to lead to final triumph.

In all his utterances, General Smuts brings to the subject in hand a freshness of viewpoint and a directness of speech which are characteristic of the man. We can well understand him saying, as he did at the Parliamentary banquet given in his honour, that diplomatic finesse is not understood by the Dominions. He is all for outspokenness, and nothing for mysteries. Thus, when he talks of the future re-adjustment of the Empire, and of constitutional reform between its component parts, he tackles the problem as a practically-minded man would, admitting the dangers of risky experimenting, but declining to be bound by precedent or by tradition. In his latest dissertation on this subject, General Smuts sees the providential aspect of the present war from the fact that it has given us an opportunity of dealing with it on large lines—not piecemeal—which would probably never have otherwise presented itself. To those who profess to see no difference between the British and the German Empires we would commend his words that we are not an Empire in the enemy's sense, but "a system of nations, almost sovereign, almost independent—rather a commonwealth than an Empire." That is a fundamental difference, and we know how nobly the governed of all races and colour within our far-flung dominions have testified to the beneficence of the government under which they have lived in safe protection. But the future task of reorganisation is rendered rather more difficult than easy from this fact. The British nations cannot be cast into a common mould, losing their individuality through being patterned after the same type—we have to allow for the diversity of the peoples, their distinct outlook and their peculiar aspirations. Standardisation may be all right when applied to the construction of ships; it can never work satisfactorily when enforced in the building up of a great commonwealth.

In the present times, when we hear so much of the rise of democracy and of the decline of absolutism, it is only natural that General Smuts should refer to the spread of republicanism. And here, too, in the speech mentioned, he showed a fine appreciation of practical politics when he pointed out how impossible it would be, even if the desire existed, to make a Republic of "this country of British commonwealth nations." Our system of kingship is peculiarly suited to the British temperament—it is, indeed, the backbone of the Empire. As Lord Derby recently declared, it is the Monarchy which keeps our great Dominions together. It is on that foundation that the Empire must be reconstituted, with a common Imperial Council at its head, directing its energies and leading it on from strength to strength. And in that new Imperial Parliament room must be found for men of the stamp of General Smuts—the new blood of the Empire: men who deserve a larger influence at the centre of government than they have ever had in the past.

Annexation and Indemnities.

What is this that we read in the morning's wires about Mr. Snowden's "demand for a British declaration of no annexations and no indemnities"? What are the constituents of "Herr Philip von Snowden" (as Mr. Bottomley delights to dub this patriot) doing, that they refrain from asking him to go and lose himself? And still more, what is the Home Government doing, that it allows a man to retain his liberty after he has had the effrontery to stand up in the House of Commons and "demand" that Britain shall surrender her very obvious rights? Through no fault of his own, but solely for the sake of his country's honour, our King-Emperor was obliged to declare war on Germany. Since that declaration, the Empire has run up the biggest war bill in history. Yet a Member of the British House of Commons is permitted to suggest (we beg our readers pardon—demand) that the Imperial Government shall declare that it wants no indemnities and that it will not annex Hun territory. Who, in Mr. Snowden's estimation, ought to pay the bill for close on three years' fighting? Are we to take it that, if we deliberately throw a brick through his dining-room window, he would come out of his house with outstretched hand and affectionately decline to accept one single cent in indemnity? It is superfluous to remark that the idea of territorial gain has never at any moment entered the minds of our rulers; we have one object, and one only, in doing our share towards the smashing of the Hun. But this hardly alters the fact that someone has to pay for the fun which the Kaiser has been having since August 1914. Does Mr. Snowden, the champion of the people's rights, and the friend of the worker, suggest (or demand) that the British taxpayers shall be strangled for generations to come by this debt? Is it Germany's affair, and since she has no money, we have no alternative but to "put the brokers in."

Two Tons of Iron Stolen. Mr. Tucker, the Head Watchman at the Kowloon Docks, has reported to the Police that during the past month about two tons of pig iron, valued at \$300, have been stolen from the S.S. Honsam, which is lying alongside the Docks.

Optimism Round Her Waist. A woman coming off a sampan at the Leung Wing Wharf was found to have tied round her waist 53 tins of prepared opium. When she was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistracy this morning, she was sentenced to six months' hard labour, and the opium was confiscated.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul. We are asked to remind all the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of the extraordinary general meeting which is to take place next Sunday, the 20th inst., at the Conference Hall, Glenelg, at 10.30 a.m. It is especially requested that members should make a point of attending.

Fighting Women. At the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, two women were charged with disorderly conduct in Third Street yesterday. Inspector Ryalence (R.) said he saw the woman fighting, with crowds of people round them. As they would not leave off, he arrested them. The first defendant was fined \$2 and the other woman \$5.

War Savings. Arrangements have been made whereby the Union Insurance Society of Canton, as Hon. Secretaries and Treasurers of the Hongkong and South China War Savings Association, will accept dollar notes of Straits currency and Straits dividend warrants for investment in Straits Settlements War Loan, and credit members with the full value of same. Members need not change their notes of Straits currency or their dividend warrants into Hongkong currency, but can hand them in for investment.

Heavy Bail. A man and a woman were charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with being found in possession of 38 tins of prepared opium. It was stated by Detective Sergeant Murphy that the house was being searched when the woman was seen to rush to a top floor window and throw a basket out. When recovered, the basket was found to contain opium. Three tins of opium were also found under a settee in the house. Mr. A. M. Preston appeared to defend, and the case was adjourned, bail being fixed at \$2,000 each.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D.S.P. (Reserve), state:—

Rifles and Accessories. All Service rifles must be returned to Armoury at Central Station on either of the two following dates, between 5.15 and 6 p.m.:—Monday, May 21, and Tuesday, May 22.

All members not in possession of cleaning gear for their rifles must draw same on Tuesday, May 22, between 5.15 and 6 p.m. Non-possession after that date will be reported.

DAY BY DAY.

AT THIRTY, MAN SUSPECTS HIMSELF A FOOL; KNOWS IT AT FORTY AND REFORMS HIS PLAN.—Young.

To-morrow's Anniversary. To-morrow is the 49th birthday of the deposed Tsar of Russia, H. M. Nicholas II.

The Dollar. The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.11/16d.

A Doctor's Loss. Dr. Lim, of the Government Civil Hospital, has reported to the Police that sometime during the past week he has had stolen from a drawer in his quarters a gold watch and chain valued at \$150.

A False Alarm. The report of a fire in Chancery Lane, at about half past eight last evening, was received at the Fire Station. Both engines turned out, but on arriving at the spot, the alarm was found to be a false one.

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COMPANY MEETING.

The China-Borneo Company, Limited.

[VERBATIM]

The fourteenth yearly meeting of shareholders of the China-Borneo Company, Limited, was held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, this morning, when Mr. A. O. Lang presided. There were also present Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Mr. A. E. Griffin (Consulting Committee), Mr. W. G. Darby (General Manager), Mr. H. W. Kennett (Secretary), and Messrs. A. W. Smith, W. Russell, A. H. M. da Silva, O. Baptista, R. L. Bridger, W. Ford, Jr., J. E. Gomes, and K. Sayce (shareholders).

The Chairman said:—As it is past the time for which the meeting has been called, I will ask Mr. Kennett to read the notice convening the meeting.

The Secretary having read the notice, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the report and accounts having been in your hands for some days, I will, with your permission, take them, together with the Auditor's certificate, as read. Owing to the continuance of the war, I regret that we have to again lay before you figures which are far from satisfactory. I can only say that in view of the many difficulties under which the Company's business has been conducted, the results might well have been worse. Shortage of tonnage and high rates of freight have rendered it increasingly difficult for us to bring our timber to market, and owing to our having been obliged to reduce the output, the cost of production has necessarily increased.

Further, in the accounts under review, we have had to make provision for a sum of approximately \$53,000, or nearly 10 per cent. of the capital of the Company, in order to adjust the balance due by our London and Borneo Offices to the rates of exchange ruling here at the end of the year. These balances are represented by cash, accounts in course of collection, and stocks of material which we hold in Borneo and London in the ordinary course of our business.

My predecessor last year drew your attention to a Fund which we had created to provide for such fluctuations, but, owing to the phenomenal rise in exchange, it has proved insufficient, and we have had to encroach on our Profit and Loss Account to the extent of some \$35,000 in order to provide the balance required.

Under the unfavourable conditions which have prevailed, I can assure you that great care and economy have been exercised in conducting the Company's business, and I may point out that our office expenses have been again reduced by more than \$10,000, while our stocks of material show a reduction of over \$40,000.

Shareholders will have noticed that the accounts show an unusually large amount of cash in hand, and since the end of the year, our position in this respect has further improved.

As we have stopped all capital outlay in Borneo till after the conclusion of the war, we have no immediate need of any large cash balance, and we have accordingly invested \$88,000—or approximately \$10,000—in Straits War Loan 6 per cent. Bonds, and I have no doubt that our action in this respect will have the full approval of shareholders.

I much regret that we are unable to recommend the payment of a larger dividend, but, in view of the difficulties of tonnage which are likely to increase the longer the war lasts, we consider it essential to keep our financial position as strong as possible.

Under the circumstances, shareholders will scarcely expect me to hold out any very favourable prospects for the present year, or as long as the war lasts, but after peace is declared we have good reason to hope that prosperous times may be in store for the Company.

Now I beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted, and after this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any question which shareholders may have to ask.

THE YARN MARKET.

Entire Stoppage of Business Feared.

Messrs. Polishwalla and Kotwall report as follows under date of May 17:—

Since our last report on the 5th inst. the interval has passed without any sufficient feature in our yarn market. The absolute inability of the sellers to cover exchange rupees for the sales of yarn in their hands, owing to the abnormal attitude taken by the local Banks in refusing to offer any reasonable rate of exchange on India, has made business almost impossible and as the Banks seem determined to decline giving suitable rates of exchange, we think there will be an entire stoppage of business in the near future, and not likely to revive until the exchange conditions improve. The sales during the fortnight are 2,503 bales, with an increase of \$5 to \$8 per bale.

Arrivals.—The mail steamer Delvara from Bombay brought in 2,500 bales for Hongkong & 6,000 bales for Shanghai; shipments from Hongkong to Shanghai and coast ports amount to about 400 bales.

Shanghai.—The market has remained firm and in the beginning of the interval business passed in about 3,000 bales at advanced rates, but the sellers there are experiencing the same difficulty in covering exchange; hence the latter part of the fortnight has been very quiet.

Japanese Yarns.—Owing to scanty arrivals and sudden enormous rise in the rates of yarn in Japan, sellers are unable, in some cases, to cover their previous sales, which were effected at low rates. Quotations are as follows:—Nagasaki No. 20s, \$198; 3 Horses No. 16s, \$181; 3 Horses No. 20s, \$193; 550 bales Yellow Joss No. 20s, \$182/101; 50 bales Seta No. 10s, \$153; Seta No. 20s, \$199; Blue Fish No. 20s, \$119.

Raw Cotton.—The present quotations are as under:—Benjal at \$27 to \$32; Chinese at \$32 to \$27 per picul.

Mr. Smith:—I have very much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts, and can only say that we feel sure that, once the war is finished, there will be a return to pre-war dividends.

The Chairman:—There being no questions, I will now put the resolution which has been proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. Smith. All those in favour? Carried unanimously. The next business is the confirmation of Mr. A. O. Lang's appointment on the Consulting Committee.

Mr. Silva:—I beg to propose that Mr. A. O. Lang's appointment to the Consulting Committee be confirmed.

Mr. Baptista:—I beg to second that.

The Chairman:—It has been proposed by Mr. Silva and seconded by Mr. Baptista that Mr. A. O. Lang's appointment to the Consulting Committee be confirmed. All those in favour? Carried unanimously. The next business is the re-election of Mr. A. E. Griffin as Director.

Mr. Sayce:—I beg to propose that Mr. A. E. Griffin be re-elected on the Consulting Committee.

Mr. Kennett:—I beg to second. The Chairman:—It has been proposed by Mr. Sayce and seconded by Mr. Kennett that Mr. Griffin be re-elected on the Consulting Committee. Those in favour? Against? Carried unanimously. The next business is the election of auditor.

Mr. Griffin:—I beg to propose the re-election of Mr. Bernard Brown as auditor for the ensuing year at the remuneration of \$260 per annum.

Mr. Bridger:—I beg to second that.

The Chairman:—It has been proposed by Mr. Griffin and seconded by Mr. Bridger that Mr. Bernard Brown be re-elected auditor for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$250 per annum. Those in favour? Against? Carried unanimously. That us all the business, gentlemen; thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants are now ready and may be had on application to-morrow.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Lord Somerleyton, who is to be the chairman of Lord Devonport's Sugar Distribution Committee, is much better known in the country as Sir Savile Crossely, the former Unionist member for North Suffolk, and chairman of the Liberal Unionist Council under Mr. Chamberlain until the amalgamation. He served in South Africa with the Imperial Yeomanry, and was mentioned in despatches. He is in his 60th year.

I am not sure, says a Daily News correspondent, that modern publishers have not something to learn from their predecessors in the selection of "Press opinions" for inclusion in their advertisement columns. I have just had occasion to turn up some fifty-year-old announcements of Swinburne's "Songs and Ballads." Among them is this, from an American paper:—"Any father who finds it in his household should at once consign it to flames."—"Albany Journal." For sale by Newcomb and Co., Broadway. Newcomb and Co. manifestly knew their business.

The Outlook is nothing if not outspoken.—The feeble beginning made by the National Service Department has come in for rough treatment, which might be extended to every other Department if the same light could be thrown on the shortcomings of officialdom. Wherever red-tape is supreme there is bound to be muddle-headedness. The same spirit broods over our system of military training. An instance in point has been brought to our notice. A recruit trained, say, as a signaller in the Eastern Division will receive his certificate of efficiency. He may then be drafted to the Southern Division. The lay mind would assume that his certificate would be accepted as a sufficient qualification in his new environment. Not to, apparently, for he is put through his training all over again until he is judged eligible for another certificate. How many times this process might be continued we are unable to say, but it seems on the face of it to be an unintelligible waste of time.

In 1883 every trace of organic life in the island of Krakatoa in the Indian Ocean was destroyed by a volcanic eruption which buried it under a thick covering of glowing stones. Yet a quarter of a century later it was again covered with vegetation which was even luxuriant. A careful investigation demonstrated that this had been brought about by the combined action of wind, birds, and sea currents. This is a conclusive proof of the efficiency of these agents in plant dispersal; but it also showed that they were effective only for relatively moderate distances. Beyond a few shore plants, they could not account for the features common to the flora of the Old and New Worlds.

Should the United States decide to send an army to France to fight side by side with the Allies, it will be first time their soldiers have been engaged on European soil. Nearly all the wars of the United States have been waged in the New World, although in 1801 they did send a small force to fight in Tripoli, while in 1900 a detachment of 7,000 accompanied us on the expedition to relieve the Chinese Legations at Peking.

You've come to the end of a "restless day," And your appetite still goes strong? You've had plenty to eat, and digested it well, Yet somehow the world seems wrong?

Then remember the Boche and his foodless day, And his wind-blown wait in the queue, For to-morrow—whatever you have to pay— You will get your griled steak or stew.—Daily News.

CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO FUND.

Latest of Subscriptions.

The following is the subscription list to date:—

Acknowledged to 13th April, 1917. ... \$20,181.40

Since received:—

Mr. A. J. Walters ... 2

M. S. S. (May Sub.) ... 5

Mr. Perry ... 12

Mr. F. G. Becke, Whampoa, Canton, Sab. for April ... 20

Lusitana Recreation Club, Comm. on Cash Sweeps and sale of Programmes at Sports ... 56.50

Anonymous ... 50

Per Sec. Marine Engineers Guild ... 11

Raz. Dazzle ... 5

Civil Service Cricket Club ... 22

"Sentries" ... 5

F. T. K. ... 5

Lot. from raid on coolies gambling... Collected by Mrs. Arthur, List No. 6:—

H.P.W. ... \$50

The Oil King ... 26.50

D.O.G. ... 25

A.E.C. ... 20

Duchess of Hamilton M.O.B.S. ... 15

B.S.N. I.B.C. ... 13

G.A.P., F.G., H.F.C., P.D.S., at \$10.00 ... 70

J.A., She-Tai-Tai, San-Shaw-Shaw, at \$8.00 each ... 18

T.J.F., G.E.S., F.A., W.J.M., J.M.H., N.B.M., J. van R., O.S.B., J.P., H.H., R.H., W. & H., J.S.D., S.G.N., G.C.M., E.M.E., C.H.P.H., G.S.A., H.W.K., S.H.D., R.S., A.G.G., H.B.L.D., T.A.L., A.S.A., E.G., at \$5.00 each ... 130

J.H.R., E.A., J.B., F.B., P.H.B., W.S., G.M.S., H.H., at \$5.00 ... 24

A.R.A., W.B., J.R.K., F.W.J., D.J.F., R.W.M., W.O.B., E.M.F., A.D.G., C.H.D., R.G.H., C.H.E., T.R.C., R.A.W., R.P.T., F.A.C., J.A.R., H.E.M., R.T.B., A.S.L., T.O.D., W.J.H., E.K., G.B.L., H.W.D., O.B., W.B.M., C.B.B., A.O.L., G.G.F., J.H.B., K.M.C., F.S.T., E.G.S., J.H.C.G., D.E.C., G.A.T., at \$2.00 each ... 74.00

G.M.L., T.O.N., H.F.C., at \$1.00 each ... 3.00

... \$20,844.25

Expended to April 13, 1917 ... \$19,942.08

Since expended:—

200,000 cigarettes sent to the troops at the front ... 642.93

... \$20,585.01

Balance in hand \$ 259.34

Following the precedent established by the National Sporting Club, the Ring, the Liverpool Stadium, etc., the gloves to be used for the main event at to-morrow night's boxing entertainment will be sold by auction for the benefit of the Cigarette and Tobacco Fund. The thanks of the Committee are due to the Hongkong Police Reserve for their very thoughtful action.

W.A. DOWLEY, Hon. Sec. & Treas. Hongkong April 18th, 1917.

Acknowledgements.

Lieut. Colonel F. O. Nisbet, Comdg. 5th D.O.L.I. Salonica Force, 2nd March, 1917.—The case of cigarettes so kindly sent us from the Cigarette and Tobacco Fund arrived safely last week, whilst we were in the trenches, and was at once distributed through the Battalion. I wish to thank you and your friends very heartily both on my own and the men's behalf for your welcome present, and the kindly thought

VOLUNTEER RESERVE ORDERS.

Order No. 30, issued to-day by Major Wakeman, Commanding H.K.V.R., states:—

Detail.

On duty from the morning of Sunday, the 20th May, to the morning of Sunday, the 27th May, "B" Coy. H.K.V.R.

Orderly Officer, Lieut. B. B. Bratton.

Next for duty, H.K.V.O.

Parades.

Monday, 21st instant:—Signalling Section "A" and "B".

Clean Fatigue. Machine Gun Section at Wellington Barracks at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Drill Order.

Clean Fatigue. Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 5.15 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Oxberry. Dress: Drill Order.

Tuesday, 22nd instant:—Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Drill Order. "A" and "B" Coys. on the road outside the Orderly Room at 5.15 p.m. Knowledge and Talk Sections on the Polo Ground at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Drill Order.

Wednesday, 23rd instant:—Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 5.15 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Oxberry. Dress: Drill Order.

Thursday, 24th instant, nil.

Friday, 25th instant:—Signalling Section "A" and "B".

Clean Fatigue. Machine Gun Section at Wellington Barracks at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Clean Fatigue.

Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Drill Order. "A" and "B" Coys. and recruits under Cor. Sergt. Majors on the road outside the Orderly Room at 5.30 p.m. All Officers and N.C.O.s will attend a lecture to be given by Capt. G. E. Stewart, Adjutant, H.K.V.C., on Firing Instruction at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Strength.

Saturday, 26th instant, nil.

Pat. E. J. T. Warren having joined is allotted Corps No. 656 and posted to Coy. "A" Platoon No. 1 Ser. 4.

No. 51 Pte. A. Watson is permitted to resign on leaving the Colony.

Transfer.

No. 293 Pte. A. Ferguson is transferred to "D" Coy.

that prompted it. The cigarettes are immensely appreciated by all the men; in these days of submarine they are difficult to procure out here, especially as we are 40 miles from the nearest shop. Things are going well out here, and brother Bulgur is showing distinct signs of discouragement. Once more thanking you.

Major K. A. Brown, P. R. L. 10th D vons. 28th February, 1917.—The cigarettes, despatched on your behalf by the British American Tobacco Co., on November 28th, have just arrived and have been distributed among the men of the Battalion. The gift is very much appreciated, as I need not say, both for its own sake and because of the thought for the men which prompted the sending of it, and on the men's behalf I wish to thank you and the subscribers to your Fund very heartily.

Lee. Cpl. B. Baker, S. Bn. 4th K.R.R.C. Salonica Field Force, Salonic, 1st February, 1917.—Just a line to thank you on behalf of our stretcher bearers for your kindness in sending us the cigarettes, which we were all very pleased with. It is nice to know we are not forgotten, and to receive such gifts from kind friends in Hongkong, whom we have never seen. The cigarettes were distributed in Salonica. All goes well out here and we are certain that victory is ours, and peace not far off. All now, trusting you are well, with my best respects and good wishes.

Cpl. Downie and Cpl. McKay, No. 3 Platoon, A Coy, 1st Cameron, Highrs 5th, February, 1917.—I have to thank you on behalf of men belonging to the above platoon for your gifts of "Woodbines." At present we are enjoying them, and we all hope to give you another sight of the "Cameron Tartan" in the Happy Valley of Hongkong. Is Whampoa Sam still there?

BUICK MOTOR CARS.

Their Advantages Explained.

In these days, when motoring is becoming increasingly popular, it is interesting to note the wonderful improvements being made in the construction of automobiles. In this direction, attention may be called to the activities of the General Motors Corporation, the manufacturers of the famous Buick cars, which is said to be the largest concern manufacturing high-grade motors in existence. It has a capital of no less than 100 million gold dollars. The majority of the cars purchased for ambulance work at the Front by the British Red Cross and St. John Ambulance Brigade are Valve-in-Head Buicks. The Valve-in-Head is the only type of engine which has been found suitable by racing experts and aviators for the strenuous work they have to perform. For power, efficiency, reliability and flexibility, the Buick car is renowned all over the world, as also is it for its wonderful hill-climbing qualities and its powerful brakes. The Royal Automobile Club of London, it is interesting to observe, has approved of the Buick for use at the Front.

There is a prevalent idea that all motors are substantially alike, and that they differ only in detail. It should be explained, however, that there is a fundamental difference between the Buick and other cars, and that that difference is due to the Buick Valve-in-Head motor. This is different in appearance, because the valves through which gas enters and leaves the cylinders are in the tops, or heads, of the cylinder, whereas in other types of motors these valves are placed in pockets at the side of the cylinder. There are two advantages arising from this arrangement. First, the Buick Valve-in-Head motor conserves and uses a larger percentage of the power contained in gasoline than any other motor. Secondly, because of its peculiar construction, the dead gases resulting from each explosion in the Buick cylinders are more completely expelled than in any other type of motor, thus preventing the next incoming rush being weakened through mixture with remaining portions of these dead gases, consequently increasing the power of each explosion. In the Buick, more heat goes against the piston and less into the water than in other motors, and this in turn means more power for the rear wheels. This Valve-in-Head arrangement is rightly described as the greatest and most important principle in the whole field of motor car operation.

Much could be written as to the construction of Buick cars, and it may be added that they are designed and built to behave best under extremes of service. They are light in weight and economical both in first cost and subsequent upkeep, for those who want long and uninterrupted service from their automobiles investment. They have the maximum of that in-built service demanded by motorists whose first thought is utility when they go to buy a motor car. The local agency for Buick cars is held by the Exile Garage, 33 and 35, Des Vœux Road, where the many advantages of the Buick can be fully explained to intending purchasers.

A LIBEL ACTION.

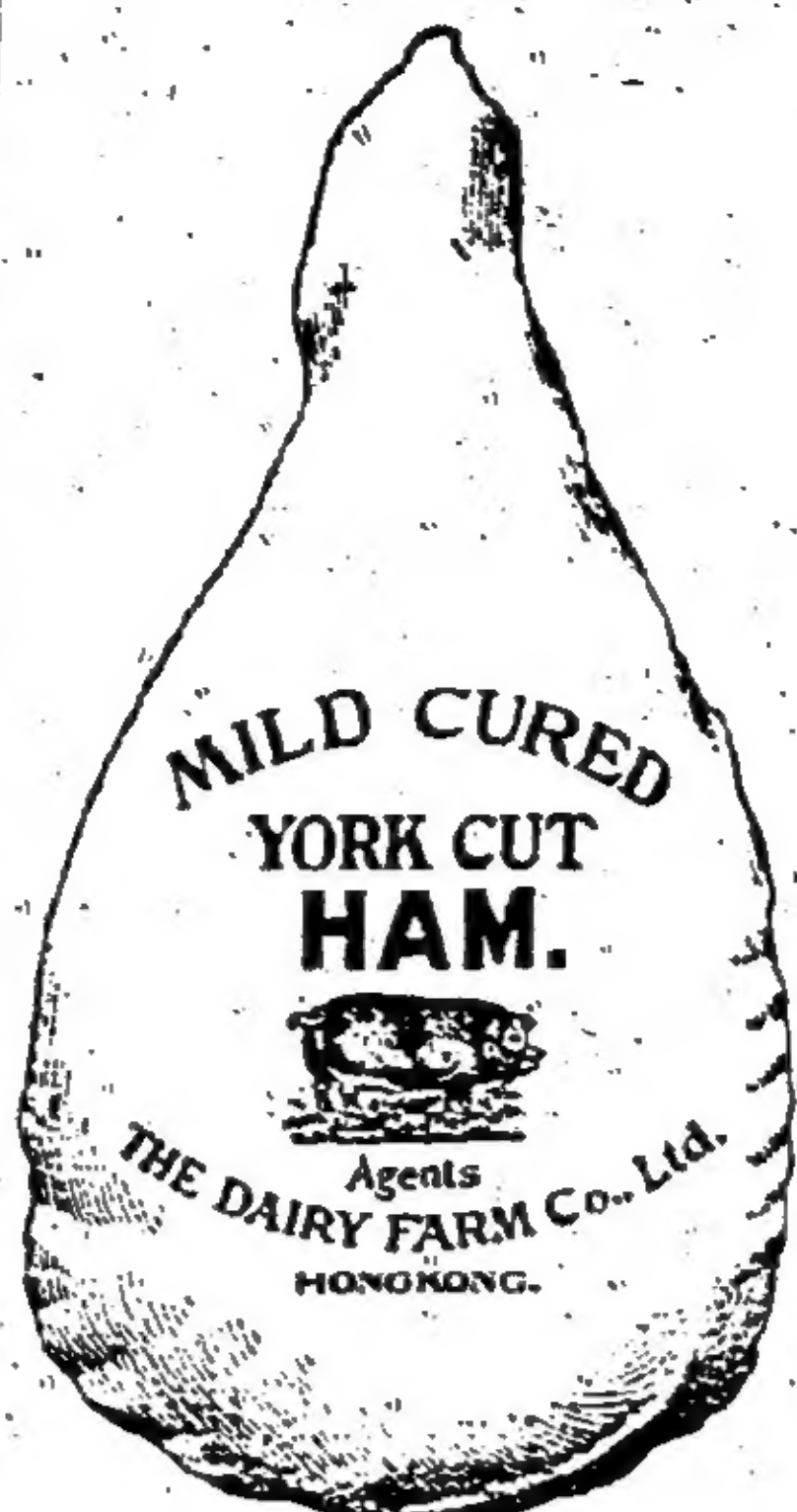
Captain De la Sala Sued.

The case was mentioned at the Summary Court this morning in which Walter J. Stokes, late Chief Engineer of the Phoenix, is suing Capt. R. M. D. de la Sala, of the same vessel, for \$1,000.

Mr. Grist mentioned that he was now appearing for plaintiff and Mr. Mattingly for the defence. It was also stated that Mr. Sharp would appear for the defendant and Mr. Pollock for the plaintiff.

His Lordship asked what the action was, and Mr. Mattingly replied that it was a suit for libel. The hearing was adjourned for a fortnight.

DAIRY FARM NEWS.



VICTORIA CROSS HOAX.

Victim Acquitted by Court-Martial.

A verdict of not guilty was given by the Dorsetshire Court-martial on Driver W. R. Campbell, Australian Forces, who was charged with wearing the chevrons of a sergeant and the riband of the Victoria Cross, knowing he was not entitled to them.

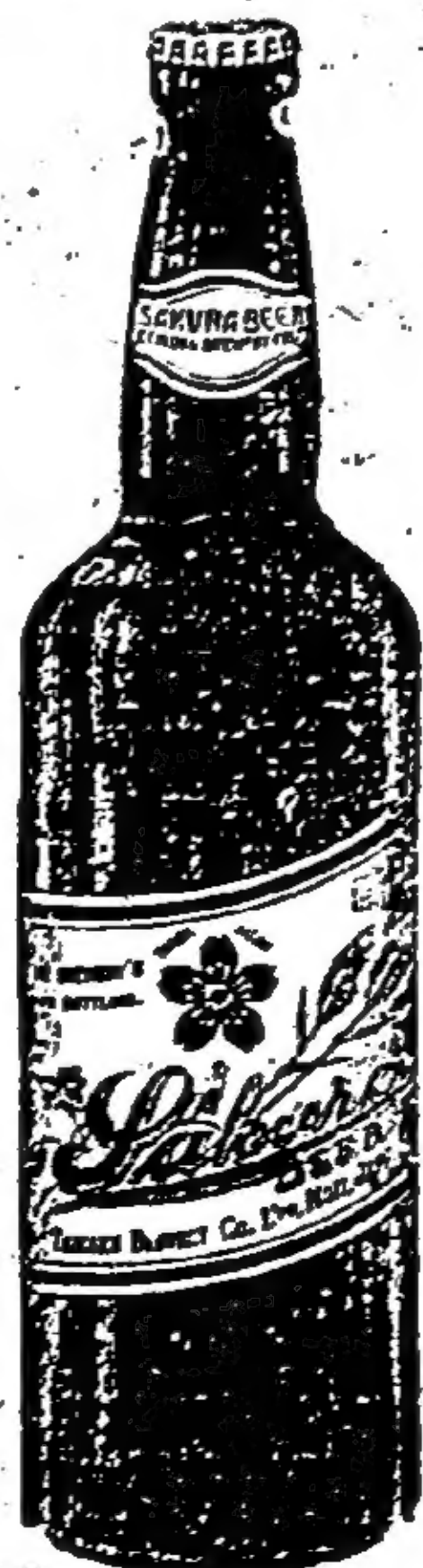
The verdict was received with cheering in court. Hundreds of his comrades assembled outside, and when Campbell left after being acquitted he was carried away shoulder high.

One of the witnesses for the defence was a real V.C. hero, Private Leake, who said he first saw Campbell wearing the riband towards the end of December, when he and Campbell were entertained by the Mayores of Wareham. He always believed Campbell was a genuine "V.C." The first official intimation which the witness received of his own award was in a typewritten letter from the Australian Headquarters in London. (Campbell gave the same account with reference to his supposed award, and called witnesses who deposed to having seen such a letter.)

Evidence was given of Campbell's unblemished character. His solicitor asked for the production of certain correspondence, to show that those in authority believed Campbell to have been hoaxed.

Campbell, recalled, said he had enemies who would not be above playing him a practical joke, and who were in a position to obtain the notepaper used at the Australian headquarters.

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Goods not cleared by the 24th May, 1917, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday & Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

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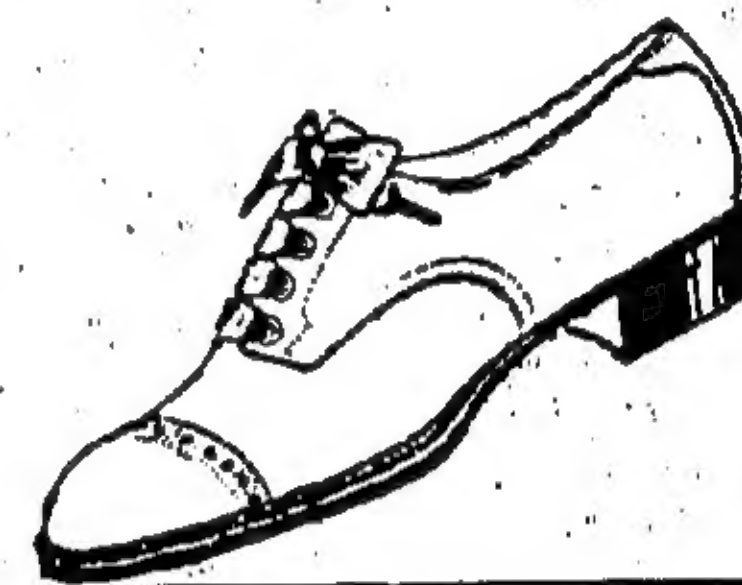
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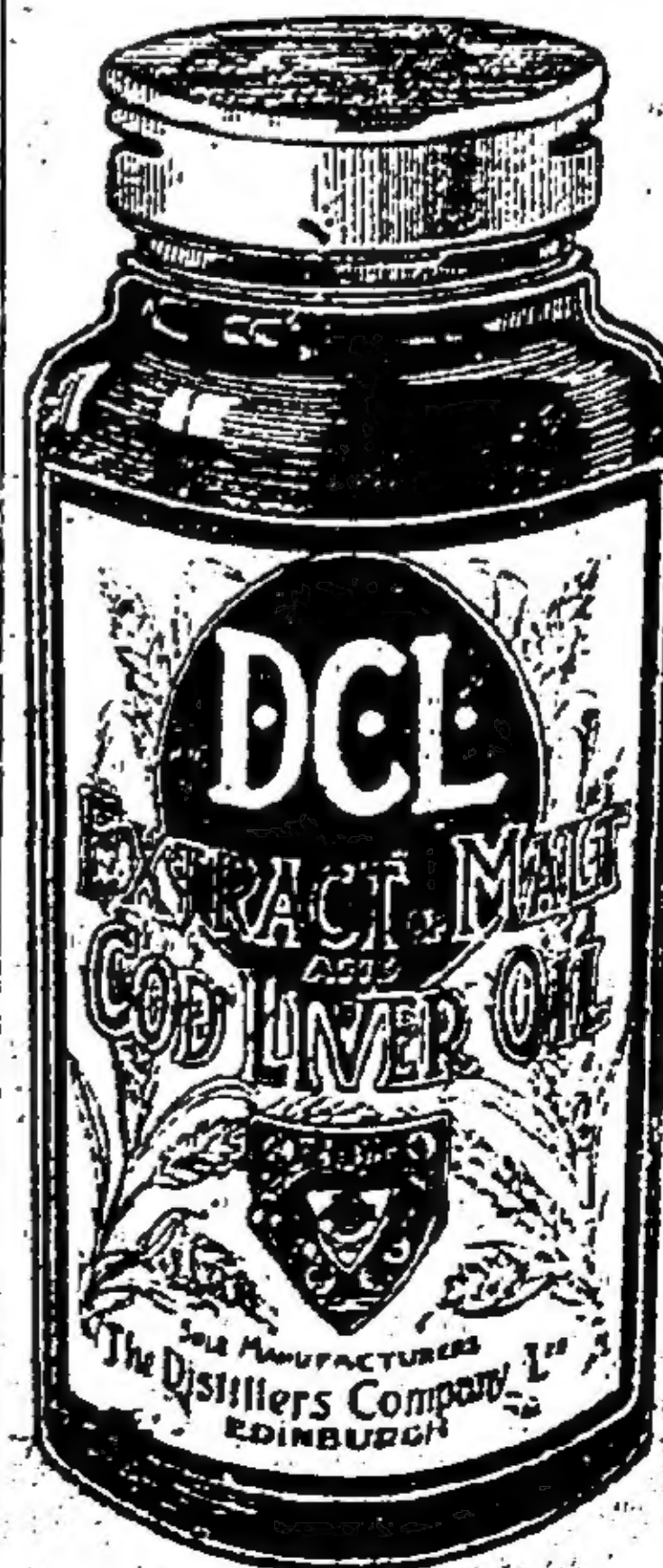
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SHANGHAI, Kobe and Yokohama	Taisho Maru Capt. Ogawa T. 8,000	SATURDAY, 19th May.
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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

Wolfram in France.

The tungsten requirements of the French industries for 1917 are considerable, and the question of wolfram production in France has been taken in hand by the authorities. An official has been specially appointed to keep in touch with producing companies, and formal assurances regarding the supply of labour and material have been given. An arrangement has been arrived at between the Vauilly et Cleux Company, and the Societe du Giffre, an important tungsten producer, for the more energetic exploitation of the concessions. The deposits in the valley of Cleux are said to contain tin and zircon as well as wolfram. Considerable reserves of ore have been disclosed, and at the present time the production is about 10 tons of wolfram a month. It is hoped by the installation of new plant to increase the production up to 30 tons per month. Other wolfram deposits have been worked in the department of Ille-et-Vilaine and in the Haute-Vienne. The Puy-lès-Vignes Mine, in the latter district, was the only French producing mine in 1916.

Rubber Growers' Association. The report of the Rubber Growers' Association of London states that the membership is 767, consisting of 483 companies and 278 individuals. The increased membership since the issue of the last report is 105. During the year 1916 various matters of importance to the industry were dealt with by the Association. It is stated that the "Emergency Committee has been much occupied with the problem of finding a remedy for the injustices of the existing profits duty as it affects young producing companies." The Board of Referees has been approached by the committee to grant to Java and Sumatra tea companies the same concession as has already been granted to the Indian and Ceylon tea industries, namely, that the statutory percentage be increased to 8 per cent. in the case of companies and to 9 per cent. in the case of private estates. A reply has however, not as yet been received. In the case of rubber companies having their estates interplanted with coffee or other crops excess profits duty has been levied on profits as though the estates were rubber estates only, without having to separate the profits derived from coffee or other crop. The accounts for the year show a revenue of £11,822, of which £11,246 was derived from subscriptions, and a balance of income over expenditure of £1,516.

Silver. Messrs. Samuel, Montagu & Co.'s weekly report issued on March 22 states:—The condition of the market during the week has been apathetic. Arrivals have been small until to-day, when a large consignment from America was delivered. There has been a certain amount of general demand, and some bear covering on the part of the Indian Bazaars, but not sufficient to raise the price substantially, except on the 19th instant, when a rise of 1d. was recorded. This was promptly lost on the 20th day, since when there has been scarcely any movement. The bear position of the Indian Bazaars in this market, which had been increased considerably of late, has been reduced to some extent, possibly owing to the steadier tone of the Shanghai exchange. The possibility of further covering at lower prices suggests a steady undertone. The Shanghai exchange has shown a moderate recovery—this is not in favour of fresh sales of importance from China. A reduction of 14 lakhs has taken place in the silver holding of the Indian Treasuries. Although this is not in itself large it is the first time since February 7 that the demand for coin has exceeded the addition from new purchases of silver combined with the receipts from the influx of taxes.—Messrs. Mott & Goldsmith's weekly circular, dated March 22, states:—There has not been much variation in the quotation for silver during the past week and the price which was 35½d. on the date of our last circular subsequently recovered to 36½d. and has since fallen back to 35½d. which was the rate yesterday and again to-day China Exchange, although perhaps a little steadier, still remains well below parity and sales from that quarter continue to be profitable, but the present level does not appear so attractive to other sellers; an offering from New York and elsewhere have not been quite so free. On the other hand buyers have been rather scarce and there has been but little competition with the Government requirements.

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All claims must be presented
within a month of the steamer's
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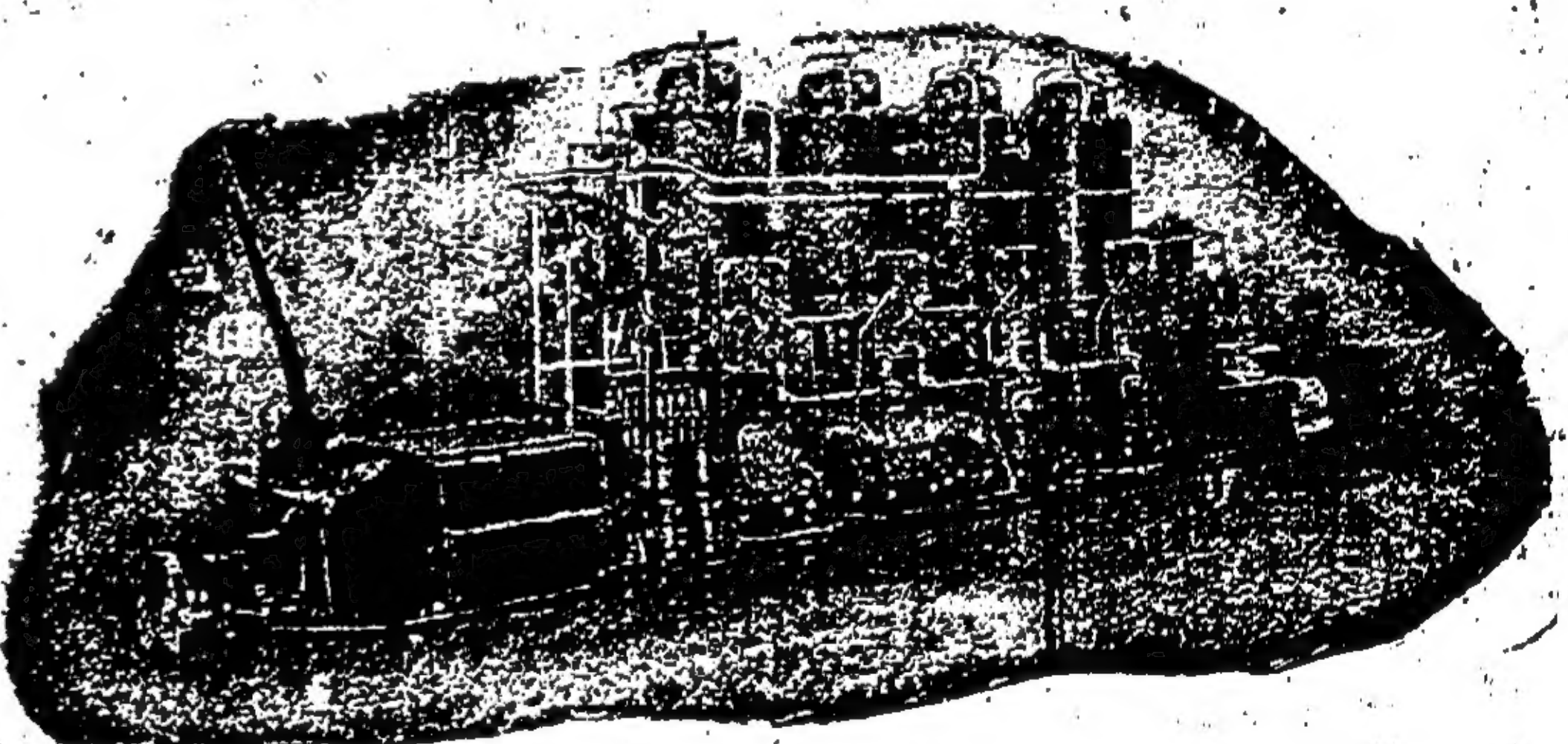
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STOP PRESS TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

BRITISH WAR AIMS.

Mr. Asquith on the Meaning of Annexation.

London, May 17. In the House of Commons, after Lord Robert Cecil's speech, Mr. Asquith followed with an impressive utterance. Firstly he explained that the phrase "an annexation" appearing in some of the Russian declarations had, perhaps, through imperfections of international vocabulary, been imperfectly apprehended. He did not believe it was used in any different sense by responsible Russian leaders and rulers than in the sense to which we should be prepared to subscribe. There were, however, four different senses in which the word "annexation" might properly be employed. First of all, there might be annexation—and there would be annexation if this war was to result in a durable and honourable peace—which consisted in emancipation of the enthralled and oppressed populations from a despotism under which they had hitherto laboured. (Cheers.)

Mr. Asquith, proceeding, said that that was not only legitimate but the purpose for which we drew the sword in the war would either not be accomplished, or would be accomplished inadequately, unless annexations in that sense of emancipation were thoroughly carried out by the Allies. (Cheers.) He was perfectly sure that the new members of the Russian Executive would not protest against annexation needed for that purpose. Secondly, there was the case of the union of artificially separated nationalities. Take the case of the Trentino. Annexation in that case was required to satisfy the dictates of conscience of the civilised world. (Cheers.) Thirdly, annexation might be needed for the transference of sovereignty or territory for the purpose of retaining strategic positions which were shown to be necessary, not for aggression, but for self-protection and defence against future attack.

Mr. Asquith, continuing, said then there was the fourth case, namely annexation meaning conquest for the sake of expansion of territory and of political and economic aggrandisement. He believed there was no man in that House or in this country, and he was certain there was no Power among the Allies, prepared either to practise or justify annexation in that sense. (Cheers.) When the ground was thus explored and ambiguities removed, was there really any practical difference between us and our friends of the democracy of Russia regarding the general lines on which peace should be considered? He did not believe there was. (Hear, Hear.)

THE U. S. FLOTILLA.

Sir Edward Carson on Its Arrival.

London, May 17. At a Navy League luncheon, Sir Edward Carson, toasting the United States Navy, declared that the arrival of the American flotilla here was one of the most important events in the history of the world, for it was a recognition of the fact that the Old and New Worlds mean to complete and reserve the freedom of the seas in the interests of civilisation and humanity against savagery and plunder. He admitted that submarine was a real danger, but the Navy, with the assistance of the United States Navy, would counteract it. (Cheers.) We were going to stick this business out. (Cheers.)

AN AUSTRIAN CLAIM.

London, May 17. An Austrian communique claims that two thousand prisoners were taken in the Isonzo battle. It admits an Italian gain on the left bank.

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GENERAL SMUTS' GREAT SPEECH.

London, May 16. General Smuts had a remarkable ovation after his speech at the Parliamentary banquet. After the cheering had subsided, Mr. Asquith, Mr. Bower Law, Lord Selborne, Lord Crewe, Lord Haldane, the Speaker and many others individually congratulated him.

The speech everywhere is hailed as timely and statesmanlike, and likely to profoundly influence all future consideration of the Imperial problem.

GERMAN REPUBLIC ADVOCATED.

London, May 16. There is general disappointment in Germany over von Bethmann's speech, which is described by the "Neues von Deutschland" as a confession of defeat.

The subsequent debate in the Reichstag showed that the Imperial Chancellor had not satisfied either side but avoided fierce controversy by his refusal to state the Government's war aims.

Herr Spaan declared that the Centre parties were agreed that discussion of the war aims was undesirable for the present.

Conservative speakers regarded as a threat Herr Schiedemann's declaration that there would be revolution in Germany if Germany did not renounce annexations while their enemies renounced them.

Herr Ledebour announced that the Independent Socialists would propose that the Constitution Committee should prepare for a German Republic.

HOME RULE SCHEME.

A Parliament in Dublin.

London, May 16. It is stated that the Government's Home Rule scheme provides for the immediate establishment of Parliament in Dublin for the twenty-six Nationalist counties, excluding the six Ulster counties with the option to them to join later. A National Council will be established which will be representative of both sections.

Mr. Lloyd George's Proposals.

Mr. Lloyd George has sent a letter to Mr. John Redmond proposing the immediate introduction of a Bill establishing an Irish Parliament, excluding the six Ulster counties subject to reconsideration by Parliament in five years hence if the exclusion is "meanwhile not terminated by a Council of Ireland comprising delegations from the Irish Parliament and Ulster commoners. The Government recommends that the Bill, after its second reading, be considered by a conference similar to the Speaker's Electoral Reform Conference. The Government alternatively is ready to convene a Convention of Irishmen for the purpose of producing a scheme of Irish self-government if the foregoing proposals are not adopted.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

BRITISH ADVANCE IN MACEDONIA.

London, May 16. A British Salonika official message states: We advanced our line south-westward of Krastali on a front of five thousand yards to a depth of five hundred yards and consolidated our positions. We occupied the village of Ejupri on the Struma front, taking prisoners. We captured advanced trenches south-westward of Ernoski of a length of three thousand yards and seventy prisoners were taken. Our casualties were slight.

U. S. DESTROYERS IN EUROPEAN WATERS.

London, May 16. The Admiralty announces that a flotilla of United States destroyers has arrived to co-operate with the British Navy in the prosecution of the war.

Rear Admiral Sims, commanding the U.S. forces in Europe, is in daily touch with the Chief of the Naval Staff. The services the American vessels are rendering to the Allied cause is of the greatest value and is deeply appreciated.

A SNUB FOR MR. SNOWDEN.

London, May 17. In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil, replying to Mr. Snowden's demand for a British declaration of no annexations and no indemnities similar to the new Russian declaration, said: The Government has constantly declared that we did not enter the war with a scheme of imperialistic aggrandisement. We did not conquer the German colonies in order to rescue the natives, but as part of our plans of war. If there was any measure of success in the war he would regard with horror the idea of handing back the natives who had been freed from Germany. Did the restoration of Poland mean annexation; likewise Alsace Lorraine and the Italian provinces? He deprecated any suggestion of abandonment of such desirable achievements. Did the demand for no indemnities mean no reparation for Belgium, Serbia and Northern France and the destruction of peaceful shipping? Regarding the German Chancellor's speech the same thing was happening now as happened before. There was a popular movement, a popular demand for reform and an appearance of yielding by the Government, then the Junkers protested offensively and the Government surrendered.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued to-day by Lieut.-Colonel A. Chapman, V.D. state:—

Joined. Pte. P. H. Cobb having joined, is allotted Corps No. 2097 and posted to Scouts Company.

Spr. O. Carvalho having joined, is allotted Corps No. 2090 and posted to Engineer Company.

Leave. No. 1907 Gr. E. Beck is granted two months' leave from 18th May, 1917.

Resigned. No. 1889 Spr. L. Souza is permitted to resign with effect from 11.5.17.

Transferred. No. 1339 Gr. S. H. West is transferred from Artillery Battery to H.K.V.R. dated 18th instant.

Strength. No. 1542 Pte. G. Perkins, having joined the Malay States Volunteer Rifles, is removed from the strength of the Corps, dated 14th instant.

The leave granted to No. 1910 Sgt. H. H. Wilson, No. 1306 Les. Opl. F. W. T. Ross, No. 1757 Spr. R. Pass, No. 1873 Spr. E. Gillies, and No. 1795 Spr. W. G. Mooney having expired, they are removed from the strength of the Corps, dated 18th instant.

Attached. No. 1591 Pte. J. Gibb is attached to the Mounted Section H.K.V.R. dated 18th instant.

Engineer Company. Detail of Engineer Company, duties at Lyceum from 17th to 31st instant is posted at Headquarters.

Dress. N.C.O.s and men on guard will wear helmets until further orders. During the hot weather, raincoats may be carried instead of greatcoats.

Parades.

Monday 21st instant.—5.15 p.m. The Corps (with the exception of members of the Engineer Company on 2nd Relief on Sunday night and 1st and 2nd Relief on Monday night and Recruits) will parade on Murray Parade Ground for presentation of Long Service Medal by His Excellency the Governor to Sgt. Major A. J. Mackie. Dress. Drill order (shorts). Helmets to be worn. Officers will wear swords.

Tuesday 22nd instant.—7.30 a.m. Belchers' 6th Section at Belchers Battery; 5.15 p.m. Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables, Stretcher Bearer Section

THE GYMKHANA.

Entries for the Next Meeting.

The entries for the gymkhana to be held on May 28 are as follows:—

Five Furlongs Race. Handicap. —Yid, Moka, Brown Bear, Tittlemouse, Sinoia, Sangala, Oak Bay, New Ally (Warriorin), Pingwa Chief.

Gymkhana Stakes.—Yid, Town Mouse, King Dick, Moka, Brown Bolt, Field Mouse, Cadzow's Wolf, Choice Dahlia, Rex, Australian Chief.

From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In. Handicap.—Buchanans, Bridgnorth, King Dick, Moka, Hang On, Sangala, Cloudlands, Whipper In, Ben Bolt, Magie Dahlia.

Class Handicap.—Yid, Town Mouse, King Dick, Moka, Brown Bear, Tittlemouse, Sinoia, Sangala, Cloudlands, Whipper In, Ben Bolt, Oak Bay, Field Mouse, New Ally, Cadzow's Wolf, Choice Dahlia, Magie Dahlia, Bridgnorth, Rex, Buchanans, Australian Chief, Pingwa Chief, Ariel (Acrolin).

at Headquarters, Officers, W. O.s and N. C. O.s of Right, Centre and Left Sections M. J. Co., Scouts Company and Civil Service Company at Headquarters for lecture by Adjutant. A note book and pencil to be brought by everyone attending. Multi may be worn; 5.30 p.m. Artillery Battery at Belchers Battery; 5.45 p.m. Signalling Section "A" class at Happy Valley.

Wednesday 23rd instant.—5.15 p.m. Memento of all units, at Headquarters, under Corps. Edgcombe, Grimes and Edmonds; 5.30 p.m. Signalling Section "B" class at K. A. Theatre.

Thursday 24th instant.—5.15 p.m. Mounted Section Jockey Club Stables; 5.30 p.m. Artillery Battery at Belchers Battery.

Friday 25th instant.—7.30 a.m. Belchers' 6th Section at Belchers Battery; 5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units on Murray Parade Ground, C.S.M. W. Mitchell, Corps. Grimes and Edgcombe will attend; 5.30 p.m. Signalling Section "B" class at R.A. Theatre, and Artillery Battery at Belchers Battery.

Detail. On duty 27th instant, Scouts Company; 28th, Civil Service Company; 29th, Centre Section M.G. Company; 30th, Right Section M.G. Company; 31st, Scouts Company; 1st June, Scouts Company; 2nd, Civil Service Company. Orderly Officer from 27th May to 2nd June, Lieut. Wright.

MARINE COURT ENQUIRY.

The Chief Engineer in the Box.

The Marine Court of enquiry into the charges of misconduct against W. J. Stokes, formerly Chief Engineer of the a.s. Pheumpeh, was resumed this morning. Captain Spink again went into the box and stated that he was on the Pheumpeh for seven weeks or two months. He had never been asked to overload his ship.

Answering Mr. Pollock, witness said he resigned from the Wo Fat Shing Company, who owned the Pheumpeh. The reason why he did not complain about Mr. Stokes before was that his policy was to give a man a chance. He had no intention of bringing a charge against him; he merely came forward to assist the Court and to assist in keeping discipline on the ship. He had never logged the Chief Engineer, and on leaving the ship he destroyed all the correspondence which had passed between them, as he thought it was of no further use.

Witness was handed some of the chits he had sent to the Chief Engineer with reference to the stopping of the engines, and was reminded that the Chief Engineer stated that the engines were not stopped, but were eased down because of engine trouble.

Witness—That was not the way to reply to a superior officer; he should have stated what the engine trouble was. His manner was not correct.

The next witness was Capt. A. Jenkins, master of the Laertes, who said that his ship was also owned by the Wo Fat Shing Co. During the three and a half years he had been employed by them he had never been asked to overload his ship. The statement made by Captain Major, that the reason he resigned was because he was asked to overload and refused to do so, was a lie.

On Mr. Pollock raising an objection, witness said that to the best of his knowledge, it was untrue.

Mr. Shenton:—Capt. Major also told the Court that he never had any complaints to make about Mr. Stokes. What is your personal opinion about that?

Witness:—Every time our ships were in Saigon or Hongkong together Capt. Major always came to me with his troubles. He always complained to me about Mr. Stokes' conduct and the nature of that conduct was that he was always interfering with the deck department and did not address the master properly.

Questions put by Mr. Pollock to witness regarding the reason of Capt. Major's discharge were not answered, witness saying it was not his business to do so.

W. J. Stokes then went into the box. He said he was formerly Chief Engineer of the Pheumpeh and had been in the employ of the Wo Fat Shing Co. for thirteen years and nine months. He was in the Laertes, belong to the Company, for seven years, under Capt. Jackson and Capt. Frampton, when everything went smoothly. Capt. Scott was in charge of the Pheumpeh when he transferred to that ship in November, 1910. He was followed by Capt. Bird, Capt. Major, Capt. Spink and Capt. de la Sala. Neither Capt. Scott nor Capt. Bird had made any complaints about him. There had been no complaints at all, as far as he knew, until Capt. de la Sala made them. He obtained his certificate in 1899, and it was still "clean." He had never been logged before.

On the question of the drinking water, witness said he was told he was a pessimist, but he desired that his suggestion for cement washing the tanks should be put into operation, as he believed it was a good one. On the morning of April 9, when at sea, the Captain sent a message to him to ask him to pump water, as requested by the compradors. He commenced pumping at about 1 p.m. and he continued pumping until he got a reasonably good sample. Knowing that the Captain was interested, he took samples at intervals and placed them in his cabin. He called the Captain into his room and showed him six samples. After the Captain had examined the samples they were thrown away. He again continued pumping

until he thought he could send up clean water to the deck. This water had to pass through 80 feet of piping. He pumped the water up and he put some in a glass and took it to the Captain, remarking "that's the best we can do." It was a very fair sample of water and then a tank was filled up for the use of the coolies. He did not "parade" the water when he took it to the Captain. It was not brackish water; it was merely unfiltered and he did not have to pass by the emigrants to reach the Captain. It was not correct to say he was gesticulating with the glass of water. It was always understood that the Captain should be the final arbiter on the water supply, and he submitted samples to him after every pumping, before the water was put into the fresh water tank.

Referring to April 10, witness said he pumped again as usual and when the water was reasonably clean he took a sample to the Captain. This sample was quite clean and the Captain told him to go on with it. The Captain was at breakfast at the time and the interview was quite a friendly one. Dr. Arcelli said the water was of good quality. The next thing that happened was "the biggest surprise I ever had in my life. I was logged and had a big entry read out to me about the water, the enquiring looks on the faces of the emigrants, my malicious conduct and an act of barratry. I asked the meaning of barratry, and was told by Captain de la Sala to be silent. The statement was so long that even though I took notes of it I could only write a garbled account of it afterwards. I was told I would be supplied with a verbatim copy." He denied that he paraded the dirty water along the deck. The cock from which he got the water was the most secluded one in the ship. He did everything in the best interests of the owners, with whom he had been most happy for the past 13 years. Nothing he did could have injured the ship, or anyone on board, or the machinery. All he was doing was to try and keep the emigrants quiet by making the water as pure as possible. He was acting conscientiously throughout. He was not trying to get the Captain into trouble.

On the question of the stopping of the engines, for which he was logged, witness said this was due to the bearings becoming heated—the No. 1 bearing. He had always had trouble with it. There was no white metal in the bearing; it was all brass, of the same age as the ship, and the brass itself was cracked. They could never rely on it. The bearing could become hot within a minute.

Mr. Potter later cross-examined the witness, who stated that the truth with regard to the water incident had been coloured and extended. It was not true that he held up a glass of dirty water before the emigrants.

It would be a reasonable thing for the Captain to drink a glass of water before the emigrants to allay any fears they may have had. He could suggest no reason why these things had been entered in the log.

After the tiffin adjournment Mr. Sullivan, of the Supreme Court, spoke to a writ being issued by Mr. Stokes against Captain Sala for \$1,000, which he tried to serve on the Captain on Saturday, but he was not able to.

The Chief Engineer was then cross-examined by the Harbour Master. He admitted that he called the Captain "Mr. Man," but it was not intended as an insult. The Harbour Master went on to ask witness several questions regarding his conduct on many of the incidents referred to by the Captain.

Witness was also asked several technical questions by Engineer Lieut. Commander Nuttall relating to the engines.

The hearing concluded. The decision will be given on Wednesday.

Small Fire.

A small fire occurred at 47, Queen's Road Central just after 9 o'clock last night. The Brigade attended, and the outbreak was soon got under. Practically no damage was done.

TO-MORROW'S BOXING.

Splendid Seating Accommodated.

All arrangements are now complete for to-morrow night's boxing match which is being undertaken under the auspices of the Hongkong Police Reserve, and an absolutely first-rate display may be looked forward to with confidence.

The match on the Volunteer Parade Ground, in which the show will take place, is absolutely water-tight, the seating accommodation is perfect, and though a very large number of tickets has been sold, the match is so huge that ample room can still be found for more buyers.

We would remind all sportsmen, and the general public as well, that the match is being given for charitable purposes, which is an additional reason for extending to it a wide patronage.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

Orders issued by Mr. E. Ralphs.

Y.M.C.A. Division.

Tuesday, May 22nd:—8 p.m. First Aid Lecture by Surgeon S.F. Lee. 9 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.

Thursday, May 24th:—8 p.m. Bandage Practice, Corporal Wei Kan will take charge. 9 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.

Sallyingpun Division.

Monday, May 21st:—7 p.m.

Squad and Stretcher Drill.

Wednesday, May 23rd:—7 p.m.

Gymnasium; Bandage Practice.

Friday, May 25th:—7 p.m.

Squad and Stretcher Drill.

Queen's College Division.

Tuesday, May 22nd:—4.15 p.m.

Squad and Stretcher Drill.

Wednesday, May 23rd:—7 p.m.

Gymnasium.

Friday, May 25th:—4.15 p.m.

Bandage Practice.

New Barrister.

Mr. Fattung Tinsik Cheng, LL.D., is shortly to practise as a barrister in Hongkong. Dr. Cheng, for whom the firm of Lo and Lo are acting as solicitors in connection with his admission, is LL.D. of the London University, and honorary member of the Grotius Society in England, and has won prizes for essays on International Law.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. VENEZUELA May 12.

Affoller Miss Rose Mok Hing Cheung
Abbott Miss E. M. Mistry E. D.
Baker Max Mistry Mrs. E. D.
Eales N. E. Mistry Master K. D.
Bodorus J. P. Mistry Mrs. Laura

Champion E. R. Mohr Mrs. H. J.
Davenport Mrs. W. McConnell Thomas
Dean Rev. H. McComb H. A.
Dea Miss Clara M. Mojo A. O.
Dickinson Mrs. F. S. Poole Delvitt C.
Furrer Albert Ross Kenneth M.
Fisher E. H. Ross Miss Julia

Hickmuth J. M. Rosenthal J.
Hickmuth Mrs. J. M. Stuelman Miss K.
James M. C. Sun Fung W.
Jensen Mrs. M. C. To Hing Yu
Jensen Master G. To Hing Tan
Kable David M. Taft Harry L.
Kincaid Percy Taft Mrs. H. L.
Long Golden D. Taft Master O. V.
Long Mrs. Golden Wesscheer G.
Yee Y. Cho

Bunzman H. C. Kato K.
Crucikhaank J. Miller F.
Canfield E. M. Patterson E. C.
Creston Mr. & Mrs. Scott A. L.
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Chu Sze Kong Sang L. K.
Eberhart L. N. Woodhouse Mr. &
Hing C. A. Mrs. A. R.

Aldrich Mr. & Mrs. Minor C. H.
E. Mahan T. J.
Almeida de Maria Maxwell E. H.
Sister McQuown N.

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